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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS QUERIES ON AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATION

1. UNITED DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT COMET SHIH FILED STORY PUBLISHED JUNE 16 BASED ON "RELIABLE SOURCES" (PRESUMABLY IN WASHINGTON) ALLEGING THAT (1) AMBASSADOR UNGER FREQUENTLY CONSULTED BY ADMINISTRATION IN COURSE OF ITS REVIEW OF CHINA POLICY; (2) AMBASSADOR RECENTLY CABLED DEPARTMENT ABOUT TIMING OF HIS ANNUAL CONSULTATION, PROPOSING JULY OR SEPTEMBER. ARTICLE WENT ON TO OBSERVE THAT: (1) IF AMBASSADOR WENT IN JULY, HE COULD PARTICIPATED IN ONGOING POLICY DISCUSSIONS; (2) A CLEARER POLICY WILL EMERGE BY END OF JULY OR EARLY AUGUST BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP; (3) BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST A DECISION ON US-PRC AND US-ROC RELATIONS IS EXPECTED WHICH WOULD THEN BECOME BASIS FOR CONDUCTION US-PRC NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN HANDLING NUMEROUS PRESS QUERIES, EMBASY SPOKESMAN AND OTHERS HAVE MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMENTS BUT CONFINED THEMSELVES TO OBSERVATION THAT:

(A) AMBASSADOR EXPECTS TO BE--AND IS-FREQUENTLY CONSULTED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND (B) AMBASSADOR'S PERIODIC RETURN FOR CONSULTATION AND LEAVE IS NOT NEWS AND HE HAS INFORMED APPROPRIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROC OFFICIALS AND OTHERS, STARTING SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AROUND END OF AUGUST, ALTHOUGH HIS PLANS WOULD NOT BE FIRM FOR SOME TIME YET.

3. CAN DEPARTMENT SHED ANY LIGHT ON WHAT MAY LIE BEHIND COMET SHIH'S STORY?
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